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SUBJECT:GOE POLICE CANDIDATES FOR FBI NATIONAL

ACADEMY (FBINA)

1. AMBASSADOR, LEGATT AND RSO MET WITH DEPUTY PRIMIN/
MININT MANDOUGH SALEM FEBRUARY 10 TO INTRODUCE LEGATT.
SALEM EXPRESSED SINCERE DESIRE TO INAUGURATE GOE POLICE
PARTICIPATION IN FBINA. HE NOTED THAT THE FOUR CANDIDATES
NOMINATED WERE NOT AS QUALIFIED AS OTHER MEN, CLAIMING
THIS WAS DUE TO SHORT NOTICE MININT HAD IN SUBMITTING
NAMES AND COMPLETING APPLICATIONS. HE ADVISED THAT
THE FOUR CANDIDATES WERE TAKEN FROM A WAITING LIST OF MEN
FOR FUTURE DETAIL TO A BRITISH POLICE SCHOOL. LEGATT
EMPHASIZED REQUIREMENT FOR CANDIDATES TO HAVE EASY
FACILITY WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE. HE EXPLAINED THAT FBINA WAS
GEARED TO US POLICEMEN AND ONLY 15 FOREIGN POLICE OFFICERS
ATTENDED EACH CLASS. MININT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT POLICE
WOULD BE ABLE TO QUALIFY. BUT WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM OF
FINDING CAPABLE CANDIDATES ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

2. IN PRESENCE VICE MININT SALEH AND THREE SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS,
LEGATT AND RSO SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED TOTAL OF 15
GOE POLICE CANDIDATES ON FEBRUARY 10 AND 11.
NONE OF THE POLICEMEN HAD BASIC LANGUAGE ABILITY TO ANSWER
SIMPLE QUESTION. REGRETTABLY, THEREFORE, THERE
WILL BE NO EGYPTIAN NOMINEES FOR JULY-SEPT CLASS.

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MININT REMAINS INTERESTED IN PROGRAM AND
INDICATED DETERMINED EFFORT WILL BE

MADE TO FIND QUALIFIED POLICE
OFFICERS FOR SEPT-DECEMBER CLASS.

3. QUESTIONING INCLUDED QUESTIONS SUCH AS:
- A. HAVE YOU EVER CONDUCTED A BURGLARY INVESTIGATION?
 - B. HOW WOULD YOU INVESTIGATE ARSON?
 - C. HAVE YOU EVER SUBMITTED EVIDENCE?
 - D. HAVE YOU EVER TRAVELED OUTSIDE OF EGYPT?
 - E. WHEN WERE YOU LAST PROMOTED?
 - F. WHAT KIND OF WEAPON DO YOU USE IN YOUR DUTIES?
 - G. HAVE YOU EVER WORKED IN A POLICE LABORATORY?

4. TO BEST OUR BELIEF, NO ANIMOSITY WAS CREATED BECAUSE CANDIDATES FAILED TO QUALIFY. VICE MINISTER, WHILE BEING EMBARRASSED AT LOW LEVELS OF CANDIDATES LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY, WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE CANDIDATES BECAUSE HE INDICATED THAT THE MEN SEEN WERE NOT THE BEST GOE HAD TO NOMINATE. HE TOO CLAIMED THAT GOE WAS RUSHED TO NOMINATE PERSONNEL AND THEREFORE FAILED TO REALIZE NEED FOR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY. THIS NOT RPT NOT ENTIRELY CORRECT SINCE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE ENGLISH HAD BEEN STRESSED TO BOTH MARWAN AND MININT SALEM. LEGATT SUGGESTED THAT FUTURE CANDIDATES FOR SEPTEMBER 1975 CLASS BE SCREENED BY RSO PRIOR TO LEGATT INTERVIEW. HE RECOMMENDED THAT GOE GIVE CANDIDATES INTENSIVE CONVERSTAIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING BEFORE NEW NOMINEES ARE SUBMITTED.

5. BOTH MEETINGS WERE CONDUCTED UNDER FRIENDLY CONDITIONS, AND GOE OFFICIALS SHOWED COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF LEGATT POSITION. OUR FEELING REMAINS THAT THIS IS A POSITIVE PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE OF FUTURE BENEFIT. WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN LIAISON TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST POLICE IN GAINING ADMISSION TO FBINA.
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